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MS PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a continuation divisional
 continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of
pending prior Application No. 09/407,880 filed on September 29,
1999, which is a divisional of prior Application No. 08/727,787,
filed on October 8, 1996 and issuing as U.S. Patent No. 5,987,181
on November 16, 1999, the entire contents of which are hereby
incorporated by reference, by

Takeshi MAKIYAMA; Seiji SATO; Noritaka KOIZUMI; and Tadashi
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for

DECODING APPARATUS USING TOOL INFORMATION FOR CONSTRUCTING A
DECODING ALGORITHM (AS AMENDED)

1. Enclosed is an application consisting of specification,
claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if
applicable).

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2. The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

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	BASIC FEE		\$770.00	\$385.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	1-20 =	0	x 18 = \$0.00	x 9 = \$0.00
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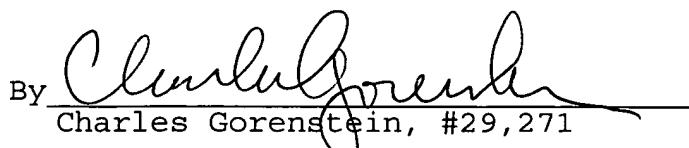
3. A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4. Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. Enclosed is/are twenty-seven (27) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
- 6a. A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/407,880 on _____. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
- 6b. The current application qualifies for small entity status.
7. The prior application is assigned to Sharp Kabushiki Kaisha, 22-22, Nagaike-cho, Abeno-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka, Japan.
8. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 9a. Priority of Application No(s). 7-264127 filed in Japan on October 12, 1995; 7-277463 filed in Japan on October 25, 1995; 7-308915 filed in Japan on November 28, 1995; and 7-310667 filed in Japan on November 29, 1995 is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on October 8, 1996.

- 9b. Priority of International Appln. _____ filed on _____ under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and _____ Application No. _____ filed in _____ on _____ under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.
10. An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
11. Address all future communications to:
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12. An extension of time for _____ () month(s) until _____ has been submitted in parent Application No. 09/407,880 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
13. Also enclosed herewith is the following:
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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